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CAB Honors 2002 Octavius Morgan Award Winners

Each year, the California Architects Board honors individuals who have contributed significantly to upholding the Board's mission of protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the public through volunteer activities. The individuals chosen for 2002 have devoted countless hours and the Board thanks each of them for their dedication and service.

Richard T. Conrad, FAIA

Wasting no time, Richard Conrad began his career in public service shortly after leaving Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo by volunteering on the City of Ojai's Parks and Recreation Commission. Over the next 12 years, he moved on to become parks and recreation commissioner, planning commissioner, city council member, and Ojai's mayor. During that same span of years, he was also active in The American Institute of Architects (AIA), was one of the founding members of the editorial board of *arcCA: Architecture California*, served on the AIA Ventura County board, and began what was to become an intensely active volunteer career with the California Architects Board.

"I guess I'm drawn to service," understated Conrad. "It seems to me that to be a responsible member of a profession or of a community, it's important to contribute. Because I volunteer for activities I enjoy, my biggest challenge is making sure I don't take on too much."



The Board has been very fortunate to receive the benefit of Conrad's efforts over more than 15 years. He has been a Supplemental Exam item writer, served as a Supplemental Exam commissioner and as a master commissioner since 1988, and has been a member of several Board committees and task forces. Since 1990, he has been a member of the Regulatory and Enforcement Committee and its subcommittees to establish policies and procedures for complaint disclosure and to amend the California Building Code. He also serves on the Board's Communications Committee.

Though his work for the Board has been nonstop, the Octavius Morgan Award came as a surprise to Conrad. "I consider this a tremendous, and unexpected, compliment," said Conrad. "I am as honored to receive this as I was to earn my AIA fellowship."

Conrad works as principal architect with the California Department of General Services, Division of the State Architect, and is also active with Habitat for Humanity.

Assessing, analyzing, and problem solving were the most important skills I learned from architecture school. We must all utilize these skills in facing the challenges of our rapidly evolving profession. The increased speed and evolving methods for project delivery, the rapid information exchange over the Internet, new building technologies, new codes and regulations, and the need to reduce energy consumption and to conserve natural resources through sustainable design are only a few of these challenges.

In 2003, we continue to face the challenges of economic recovery, tight budgetary constraints, and rising costs of providing architectural services. With that said, the one constant that has not changed, is that architects must deliver responsible services and buildings with the public's health, safety, and welfare at the forefront. The California Architects Board's (CAB) mission to protect the public, health, safety, and welfare is accomplished through regulation, enforcement, examination and public awareness.

During our strategic planning session this winter, recognizing limited financial and staff resources, we prioritized and narrowed our focus so that we invest our resources toward accomplishing goals aimed at achieving our mission. This year our highest priorities will address Intern Development Program (IDP) implementation, increasing public and professional awareness of the Board's role and responsibilities, and consumer protection through enforcement and disclosure.



President's Message

By Denis A. Henmi, AIA,
Board President

Pressing Needs and Tightening Budget

The Board welcomes Denis Henmi as president of the California Architects Board. Henmi, a principal at San Francisco-based Kwan Henmi Architecture/Planning, Inc., was elected to the position on December 5, 2002.

IDP Implementation – This is a critical year in the process of implementing IDP. During 2003, we will aggressively move forward on the IDP implementation and communication plan. With the implementation of IDP in January 2005 (pending regulatory approval), we hope to increase the proficiency and breadth of experience of our interns.

Increase awareness of the Board – While the percentage of our population who contract for architectural services is extremely small, virtually 100 percent of our population is affected daily by the result of architectural services. In keeping with our mission to protect

the health, safety, and welfare of the public, we must endeavor to keep the public informed about the Board and understand how to use the Board as a resource. Through public and professional awareness, we will also encourage voluntary professional development in the areas of code knowledge, building technology, sustainable design, and accessibility for the disabled.

Consumer complaint policies and procedures – We are currently finalizing the procedures for disclosure standards and the specific steps we will take to inform the public about complaints. This will result in consumers having access to useful information that will help them make good decisions.

Although we have had to narrow our focus, we will continue to move forward in other areas through board liaisons and collaboration. Our Board liaisons will also help us continue building relationships with collateral groups that include the AIA, California Building Officials, Contractors State License Board, NCARB, WCARB, Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture, student organizations, and the Urban Land Institute.

In closing, I would like to say that we are extremely fortunate to have the support of an outstanding Board staff and the many dedicated committee members. This highly motivated team is willing to accept the challenges and work as a team to accomplish our goals set forth for this coming year. I am honored and delighted to have the privilege of working with such a talented team dedicated to providing the highest level of safety for the public. ■

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Glenn S. A. Gall, AIA

The recipients of the Octavius Morgan Award seem to share two common traits, a passion for giving back to the profession and genuine surprise that their untiring efforts are considered noteworthy.

Glenn Gall exemplifies both qualities. A regional supervisor for the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD), Gall has dedicated countless hours to the Board for more than 10 years, focusing mainly on the California Supplemental Examination. Since the early 1990s, Gall has volunteered his time to the Examination Committee, helped write several forms of the exam, served as a commissioner and master commissioner, and has helped train commissioners. He has also served on the Job Analysis Committee.

"The exam process is very important to upholding the standards of our profession and gives me an opportunity to give something back," said Gall.

Gall, a University of Notre Dame graduate originally from Massachusetts, left private practice when he took a position with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in California before going to work with the state. Said Gall, "Equally important to me is the chance to work with my peers. In my role at OSHPD, architects are my clients. Board activities give me a chance to see them in a different light and to stay in touch with what's happening in the profession."

About the award, Gall said, "I have such respect for the former recipients of this award, their talent and

knowledge. To be considered in that same group is really something. This is very special to me."

Lucille M. Hodges, AIA

After her graduation from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1967, Lucille Hodges joined the Peace Corps and spent the next two years in Tunisia. The spirit of service remained a driving force that she was able to pursue again once she and her architect husband Donald opened their practice in 1990.

Since 1991, Lucille has volunteered her time and talent serving the Board in several capacities related to the California Supplemental Examination. She started as a commissioner in 1991, became a master commissioner in 1994, helped develop the Test Plan for 1997, and recently served on the Training Script Committee. She has also served on the Examination Committee, Item Writing Committee, Standard Setting Committee, and the Job Analysis Committee.

"I believe the exam procedure is an important one," said Hodges. "At this time, we need the California exam. The chance to get involved with other architects is also personally fulfilling."

She added, "A great deal of credit goes to the Board for being so well organized; they make it so easy to volunteer that I don't really think about it. When I heard about the award, I was surprised. I have great respect for past recipients and when I heard this year's names, all I could think was that they are a lot more impressive than I am."

Lucille is a principal at Hodges and Hodges Architects in La Jolla, California.

R K Stewart, FAIA

The theme of R K Stewart's professional life can be summed up in a single statement, "creating stronger communities." His career has taken him from the Midwest to the South and East Coast before he moved to California in 1984. Stewart's projects have carried the community-building theme into people-friendly designs. He takes special pride in the role he was able to play in reconnecting San Francisco with its waterfront heritage after the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake. That group effort of the city's design community, civic, and business leaders turned a shadowy and deserted waterfront into a vibrant center of activity.

Stewart's passion for community also fuels his volunteer activities with the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards and the AIA, where he has served as president of AIA San Francisco and of the AIACC, and currently serves as a regional director on the AIA National Board of Directors.

His efforts on behalf of the California Architects Board demonstrate a commitment to strengthening his professional community, as well. Since 1994, Stewart has volunteered on Board committees and task forces that include the Job Analysis Committee, Professional Qualifications Committee, Task Force on Post-Licensure Competency, Comprehensive Intern Development Program Task Force, and IDP Implementation Task Force.

Asked why he commits so much time to the profession, he answered, "I'm lucky enough to work in a profession that I love, one that makes a tremendous difference in people's lives and the environment. I also take great pride in being a California-licensed

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California architects are actively moving the ideals of sustainable building into residential, commercial, and public projects. This section takes a look at the state's efforts and offers resources architects can access for practical tools and information on applying the principles of sustainable design and energy-efficiency.

Sustainable Building: Ideals, Results, and Resources



Excellence in Public Buildings Initiative

By Stephan Castellanos, FAIA, State Architect

Through the combined efforts of the Department of General Services' Division of the State Architect and Real Estate

Services Division, the Excellence in Public Buildings Initiative is running under full steam. The purpose of the initiative is to produce high-performing public buildings and a positive architectural legacy that reflects the state's commitment to excellence.

As we launch into this effort, it is important to define the idea of excellence as a balance of several important aspects, which include:

- Low cost of operation through energy-efficiency measures that use natural lighting, new technology advances, and energy-smart building materials
- Careful choice of materials that demonstrate responsible use of natural resources and result in low life-cycle cost
- Intelligent space planning for immediate and long-range use that considers how emerging technologies are changing the way agencies deliver services
- Aesthetic appeal that blends with the location and enhances the surrounding community

Bringing these requirements into every new state building is not an overnight process, and its success depends on building consensus with each participant. We are currently moving through the necessary steps on a broad basis through communication and education efforts, as well as bringing the process into each new project.

Elements of this process include:

Educating – Bringing all agencies and other stakeholders together on the initiative goals.

Improving Program Planning – Better assessing the needs of the people who use the building to incorporate workflow, public service needs, staffing levels, and demand for services.

Setting Goals and Performance Standards – Matching designs with expectations of what the building must do. This includes energy efficiency, ease of operation and maintenance, and extending building life.

Incorporating Community Needs – Creating buildings that enhance the surrounding community.

Selecting – Establishing and communicating selection criteria, streamlining the selection process, including the initiative in all ads and requests for qualifications, and selecting with the initiative in mind.

Evaluating – Conducting post-construction building performance evaluations to ensure design effectiveness and to create a knowledge base of best practices for use in future projects.

Recognizing Success – Promoting the ideals of the program through competitions and by formal recognition of those who help create exemplary public buildings.

I encourage you to find out more about the initiative and how you can participate in its implementation. For more information, please visit the office Web site at www.dsa.dgs.ca.gov and follow the links to the Excellence in Public Buildings Initiative. ■

East End Project Earns LEEDS Gold Certification

Photo courtesy of Jim Ogden-3D/International



The most ambitious green-building initiative ever undertaken by the State of California was recognized by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification at the Gold level. The LEED Green Building Rating System™ is a voluntary, consensus-based national standard for developing high-performance, sustainable buildings (visit www.usgbc.org/LEED/LEED_main.asp for more information). The six-story Block 225, located at 1430 N Street in Sacramento, is the first of the project's five buildings to be completed and certified with the LEED program.

According to Jim Ogden, 3D/International project consultant, "Everyone who worked on the project is excited. We're especially pleased that we were able to achieve certification without increasing the budget, which helps prove that green buildings can be achieved within budget constraints. From the start, this was a cooperative, collaborative effort that made the certification possible."

In July 2002, the California Department of Education began moving into

their 336,008 square foot quarters, which also includes a child-care facility and outdoor play area, and street-level retail space. The laundry list of green features allowed the building to beat Title 24 standards by 30 percent and include a building-integrated photovoltaic system;

extensive use of recycled building materials in the foundation, structural steel, metal decking, carpet, and ceiling tiles; ENERGY STAR® cool roof products, Low "E," double-glazed windows; underfloor air-distribution system; high-efficiency heating and cooling, including economizers and digital control systems; and high-efficiency lighting with automatic controls and occupancy sensors.

Equally impressive, construction of the East End Project was undertaken with a watchful eye on the environment. Marble flooring used in the lobby of Block 225 came from the earthquake retrofit of the historic Library and Courts Building, with the remaining marble being used in the project's other

buildings. Recycling of 400 tons of steel from the East End Project site is projected to save about a million pounds of iron ore, 560,000 pounds of coal, and 48,000 pounds of limestone. In all, the construction process diverted 97 percent of construction waste — more than 250,000 tons — from landfill disposal. Even the scrap wood from the demolition of existing structures was chipped for use as a landscape topping and the drywall was ground for use in the mulch.

"It is a seminal project in that it changed the way the state does green buildings. The state should be very proud of their building," noted Anthony Bernheim, FAIA, principal, green design, SMWM in San Francisco who designed the sustainability elements of the project. Fentress Bradburn Architects Ltd., in association with Dreyfus & Blackford Architects are the architects of record.

The project's Blocks 171 through 174 are also undergoing the LEED certification process. As the state continues to encourage architects to design green buildings, it has successfully set the LEED's gold standard for others to follow. ■

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architect because I think our standards are the highest in the country. Our Board puts exceptional rigor into analyzing the needs of the public and the profession and then making rational decisions for each. Working with the Board staff and my peers in that effort is a great privilege."

"It's also in keeping with my personal and professional interest," Stewart added. "The Board's mission to protect the public's health, safety, and welfare rolls right back into my desire to build communities where we can grow, learn, work, and play better."

R K Stewart, FAIA is a partner in the San Francisco office of Gensler Architecture, Planning & Design Worldwide. ■

CAB Elects Board Officers for 2003

At its December 5, 2002 meeting, the Board elected its 2003 officers.



PRESIDENT DENIS A. HENMI, AIA, an architect member of the Board since April 2002, Henmi is a founding partner of Kwan Henmi Architecture Planning, Inc. headquartered in San Francisco with an office in Oakland. He has served on the Board's Professional Qualifications Committee, the Examination Committee, the Job Analysis Survey Committee and Supplemental Examination Item Writing Committee. Henmi has also participated in the administration of the Supplemental Examination as a commissioner and master commissioner since 1987.



VICE PRESIDENT JEFFREY D. HELLER, FAIA, an architect member of the Board since November 2002, practicing architect for 37 years, and is the founder and president of Heller Manus Architects in San Francisco. He currently serves as president of the AIA San Francisco. He also serves as an advisor and consultant to several San Francisco City planning and design projects including the San Francisco City Planning Department for Urban Design Guidelines. Heller earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is presently serving on the Board's Executive Committee, Professional Qualifications Committee and IDP Implementation Task Force.



SECRETARY CYNTHIA C. ONG, a public member of the Board since June 2000, was re-elected as secretary. She has taught in the Los Angeles Unified School District, the Los Angeles Community College system and at UCLA. As an attorney she has served as a deputy public defender and a deputy attorney general for the state of California. She completed her undergraduate work at UCLA and earned her JD at UCLA School of Law. She is presently serving on the Board's Executive Committee, Communications Committee, and the IDP Implementation Task Force. ■

Board Member Appointments



MICHAEL A. DIEDEN – Governor Davis appointed Michael L. Dieden a public member of the Board in November 2002. Dieden is president and founder of Creative Housing Associates, a real estate development company specializing in neighborhood and transit-oriented development since 1997. He has been president and founder of Michael Dieden Company, a public relations consulting firm since 1983. In 1986, Dieden headed the R.A.M.M. Partnership, a group of investors who rehabilitated dilapidated buildings in Venice into desirable and profitable homes. He is a board member of the Southern California Transportation and Land-Use Coalition, the Sustainable Cities Program (through USC), and member of the Congress of New Urbanism and the Westside Urban Forum. His term expires on June 1, 2006.

JEFFREY D. HELLER, FAIA – Governor Davis appointed Jeffrey D. Heller, FAIA, an architect member of the Board

in November 2002. Please see article on Board Officers (above) for biographical information and photo. His term expires on June 1, 2005.



L. KIRK MILLER, FAIA – Governor Davis reappointed L. Kirk Miller, FAIA, an architect member of the Board in November 2002. Miller, a practicing architect since 1977, has served on the Board since 1997. He is president of Kirk Miller Affiliates, a San Francisco architecture firm. Miller is past chairman of the AIA's National Ethics Council, a member of the Internship Development Program Committee of NCARB, and past commissioner of the San Francisco Housing Authority. He is also a member of the AIA, San Francisco Chapter, and a life member of the Sierra Club. He earned a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Alberta, Canada, and a master in architecture from the University of California, Berkeley. His term expires on June 1, 2006. ■



ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

CAB is responsible for receiving and investigating complaints against licensees and unlicensed persons. CAB also retains the authority to make final decisions on all enforcement actions taken against its licensees.

Included below is a brief description of recent enforcement actions taken by CAB against individuals who were found to be in violation of the Architects Practice Act.

Every effort is made to ensure that the following information is correct. Before making any decision based upon this information, you should contact CAB. Further information on specific violations may also be obtained by contacting the Board's Enforcement Unit at (916) 445-3394.

CITATIONS

RAYMOND ARJMAND (Encino) The Board issued an administrative citation that included a \$500 civil penalty to Raymond Arjmand, an unlicensed individual, for a violation of Business and Professions Code (BPC) section 5536(a) (Practice Without a License or Holding Self Out as Architect). This action was taken based on evidence that Arjmand submitted a Site Plan application to a planning department, which contained Arjmand's business name, "R & A ASSOCIATES, INC." under the Professional Seal and the words "Architectural, Engineering, Zoning." This was a

device which indicated to the public that he was an architect or qualified to engage in the practice of architecture. Arjmand paid the civil penalty satisfying the citation. The citation became effective on October 30, 2002.

TERENCE HAYHING KWOK (Monterey Park) The Board issued an administrative citation that included a \$100 civil penalty to Terence Hayhing Kwok, architect license number #C-24796, for a violation of BPC sections 5536.22(a)(4) and (5) (Written Contract) and 5584 (Willful Misconduct). This action was taken based on evidence that Kwok failed to include statutorily required language in a written

contract with a client and breached the contract. The citation became effective on December 20, 2002.

JAMES P. PINKNEY, JR. (Bonita) The Board issued an administrative citation that included a \$500 civil penalty to James P. Pinkney, Jr., an unlicensed individual, for a violation of BPC section 5536(a) (Practice Without a License or Holding Self Out as Architect). This action was taken based on evidence that Pinkney engaged in the practice of architecture without a license by preparing plans for a two-story structure containing a commercial building on the bottom floor and two apartment units on the top floor. The citation became effective on December 6, 2002. ■

Architectural Educators/Practitioners Workshop

On October 19, 2002 the California Architects Board (CAB) gathered architectural educators and practitioners for a workshop entitled "The Art of Building: Putting Practice into Education" at Woodbury University in Burbank, California. There were approximately 30 workshop participants, including educators and students from various colleges and universities, practicing architects, and CAB president Kirk Miller, CAB vice president Gordon Carrier and CAB member Denis Henmi. Schools represented were University of California at Berkeley, the University of Southern California, Woodbury University, California Polytechnic State University of San Luis Obispo, California State Polytechnic University of Pomona, New School University, California College of Arts and Crafts, and Southern California Institute of Architecture.

The primary purpose of this workshop was to solicit perspectives from educators and practitioners regarding the integration of practice and education. Areas discussed in the workshop covered: values, issues, and challenges in architectural education; emerging themes and potential actions; and National Architectural Accrediting Board criteria. A summary report of the workshop is available on the Board's Web site (www.cab.ca.gov) under *Online Publications* on our *Publications, Laws & Rules* menu. ■





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IMPORTANT REMINDERS TO ALL ARCHITECTS

AB 1144: Architect's Business Entity Report Form

If you haven't filled out and returned your "Architect's Business Entity Report Form," mailed to you last fall, please do so immediately. The form is required by a new law (Assembly Bill 1144) revising the Architects Practice Act. AB 1144 requires every licensed architect to report to the Board the name and address of the entity (sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation, or limited liability partnership) through which he or she provides architectural services. If you need a copy of the form, you can download one from the Licensee Information of the Board Web site at www.cab.ca.gov or call the Board at (916) 445-3394. ■

Renew Your License

Your architect license must be renewed on the last day of your birth month in each odd-numbered year. The renewal notice, sent to your address of record approximately 45 days prior to the expiration date, asks you to disclose whether you have been convicted of a crime or disciplined by another public agency during the preceding renewal period. Failure to answer this question or to sign the form will delay the renewal process. To avoid problems, be sure to complete the renewal notice accurately, both front and back, and return it with the renewal fee prior to the expiration date.

As you may be aware, there is a 30-day grace period on the payment of your license renewal fee. Payment after the grace period will also need to include the \$50 delinquency fee. Please remember that this grace period applies only to the renewal fee, not the ability to practice after your license has expired. Once your license has passed its expiration date, you cannot practice until it has been renewed. ■

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